

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 61, line 25 to page 62, line 4, of the present specification, as follows:

On the other hand, among mutant ALS proteins coded by the 2-point mutant genes, P171H/W548L mutant ALS protein showed the strongest resistance to bispyribac-sodium (5.5% inhibition in 100  $\mu$ M, and RS ratio: >15000). P171H/S627I mutant ALS protein also showed strong resistance to bispyribac-sodium (RS ratio: 3700). The degree of resistance of P171H/R172S mutant ALS protein was approximately the same as P171H mutant ALS protein. Further, P171H/W548L/S627I mutant ALS protein coded by the 3-point mutant gene also imparted strong resistance to bispyribac-sodium (1.1% inhibition when 100 $\mu$ M, and RS ratio: ~~>15000~~ >16000). In addition, actual results of herbicide dose-response on which these results were based are shown in Figs. 26 and 27.